

I support this petition and request the FCC adopt the suggested Morse requirements for General and Extra licenses. I have been an amateur radio operator for 43 years. As K7PVT I believe that the essence of amateur radio is best represented by strong technical and intellectual diversity. This includes a strong and unique communications language -- morse code (CW).

What's more important is an understanding by the greater global communications community that morse code is not simply another hurdle that one leaps over to prove licensing competence...it is a true language!

Actions devaluing the morse code language, no matter how intellectual and linearly accurate they may feel, will in time, devoid the world of yet another unique form of communication. You might just as well pass a resolution commanding everyone to speak English as long as you are on a bent to reduce the world to total simplicity.

Thanks for your consideration, concern, deliberation and final action. I look forward to your thoughtful decision.

Bob Frause, K7PVT  
Langley, WA